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Please deliver immediately the following letter to Chancellor

Adenauer from the Acting Secretary.

March 24
QUOTE/Dear Chancellor Adenauer

The President has asked me to convey to you the substance of the meetings which took place between the President and Prime Minister Macmillan at Camp David from March 20 through March 22. A wide range of subjects was covered in their meetings and they found themselves in general agreement.

On one subject - the terms of the draft of a reply to the Soviet note of March 2 - I believe you are already informed. They concurred on the text of such a reply. This text has already been transmitted to your Foreign Office and to the French Foreign Office and hopefully agreement may already have been reached in Paris and Bonn on a final version of the Western reply. In any case I have the impression that the reply which was proposed as a result of the meetings at Camp David are not very far from your own conceptions.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ We are instructing our Ambassador in Moscow to warn Gromyko when he delivers our note that any unilateral action by the Soviets on matters coming under discussion would scarcely be conducive to a successful conference.

A good deal of the discussion between the President and the Prime Minister was occupied in analyzing the present state of our preparation for a conference with the Soviets. They had before them the preliminary reports from their representatives in the Working Group in Paris, which has now temporarily adjourned. They agree, as I think we are all agreed, that the Western proposal should be comprehensive, which is to say that it should be in a form of presentation which would promote progress toward the reunification of Germany and seek a solution within a broader framework of the position of Berlin which has been so arbitrarily challenged by the Soviets. Plainly much work remains to be done in the perfection of the comprehensive Western proposal. For this purpose it is contemplated that the Working Group should reconvene fairly promptly after the NATO meeting in Washington with the hope that the Working Group will have arrived at agreed recommendations on substantive positions no later than April 20. In the meantime the four Foreign Ministers will have the opportunity on March 31 and April 1 to review the report of the Working Group which adjourned on March 21 and to provide further policy guidance.



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Macmillan discussed his ideas for an inspected zone of force and arms limitation and we agreed to look into the idea but as you know we are severely skeptical of "security" measures unless directly linked to and dependent on concomitant political settlements.

Discussions were also held on the state of planning which has been going forward in reviewing the long-standing instructions for dealing with possible contingencies in relation to West Berlin and access to the city. These discussions resulted in general confirmation of the lines of the present planning which the Secretary outlined to you when he last saw you in Bonn. The President and the Prime Minister found themselves in agreement that it could be assumed that in the light of the anticipated beginning of negotiations in May with the Soviets, no unilateral changes are likely to be made with respect to the situation in West Berlin or with respect to access to the city.

The President and the Prime Minister reviewed the work to date of the Geneva Conference on the suspension of nuclear testing which is now recessed until April 13. It was agreed to pursue this matter further between themselves through diplomatic channels. They also took advantage of their meeting to consider together a broad range of other matters including the situations in the Middle East and the Far East, and the worldwide situation created by the Soviet economic offensive against the Free World.



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The President and the Prime Minister parted confirmed in their belief in usefulness of periodic informal discussions of this character conducted without agenda, with no communique, and attended by a very limited number of participants. Most sincerely,
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